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5 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director/OEA

SUBJECT : Itak Proposal to U. S. Navy
for use of a 24 Inch Panoramic
Camera in a Navy Aircraft

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval contained in paragraph six.

25X1A 2. The attached proposal was presented [redacted] and [redacted] on 22 January 1964 by [redacted] Itak Corporation.

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25X1A 3. Itak is proposing on this camera system at the request of [redacted] Navy Department, BUMEPs, both of whom are CORONA cleared. The camera system proposal by Itak is an adaptation of the CORONA triple camera and will utilize the 24 inch, F3.5 Petzval lens. The Navy desires to obtain the camera openly from Itak and classify the hardware and related paper no higher than SECRET.

25X1A 4. [redacted] D/TECH/OEA, reviewed the proposal and in a memorandum to Chief, SS/OEA, dated 23 January 1964, a copy of which is attached, indicated that the proposed system is sufficiently dissimilar from the CORONA system that its proposed use will not compromise the CORONA program.

5. The proposal as written contains several references which are objectionable to CORONA security. The introductory paragraph on page one states that the Petzval lens "has been thoroughly proven." This will have to be deleted. The sentence following which states that the proposed system will incorporate many successful Itak equipments should also be deleted. The last sentence in paragraph one, page six, alludes to the flight proven success of the equipment and should be eliminated from the proposal. The writer finds nothing additional in the proposal which would tend to compromise CORONA security.

6. It is recommended that the subject proposal be approved and that Itak and the Navy Department be authorized to produce and use the

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camera system under the DOD SECRET security classification. It is recommended that [redacted] be notified of the approval via the attached memorandum and Itak be advised via the attached cable.

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Chief, Security Staff
OSA

CONCURRENCE:

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[redacted]
D/TECH/OSA

RECOMMENDATION IN PARAGRAPH 6 APPROVED:

(Signature) Jack C. Ledford

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